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Man Sentenced to 382 Months for the Murder of a Federal Law Enforcement Officer

(Alexandria, VA) - Ossie K. LaRode, age 23, was sentenced to 382 months imprisonment today for the murder of Officer James Feltis of the Pentagon Police Department. LaRode pled guilty to the second degree murder of Officer Feltis, and to the use of a firearm during commission of a crime of violence, on June 30, 2006. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge Leonie Brinkema.

On the morning of January 11, 2005, LaRode was being pursued by police after he carjacked an elderly man's car in Alexandria. LaRode led police into the Pentagon parking area where Officer James Feltis was working at a guard kiosk. Seeing that LaRode was driving the wrong way through the Pentagon parking area, Officer Feltis attempted to stop LaRode, but LaRode struck him. Officer Feltis was critically injured and was airlifted to a local hospital where he died on February 14, 2005, as a result of his injuries.

United States Attorney Rosenberg stated, "LaRode took the life of a husband, a father, and a dedicated federal law enforcement officer in a senseless act of violence. No punishment can make up for that loss, but Officer Feltis' family and the community should know that justice has been served, and a dangerous criminal is now off our streets for a very long time."

This case was investigated by several law enforcement agencies including the Pentagon Police Department, the Alexandria Police Department, and the Arlington County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Erik R. Barnett and Michael E. Rich prosecuted the case for the government.

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